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Cust # 43 Opinion of assayer 3/28-84 (for letter 3/27-84)

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

Boston, Mass., March 17, 1884

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Respectfully

W. Redmond

Asst Treas U.S.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
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Phila. Pa.

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